

# CSEAS Weekly Bulletin

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Prof. H. Mohamad Nasir

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### 1. Indonesian Education Minister to visit NIU Sept. 19 **NEW**

NIU President Lisa Freeman will welcome a cabinet-level Indonesian delegation led by the Minister of Research, Technology and Higher Education, Prof. H. Mohamad Nasir, to NIU on Thursday, Sept. 19. Nasir, whose position is parallel to that of the U.S. Secretary of Education, will be accompanied by Secretary General Ainun Na'im, Director General Ali Ghufroon Mukti, International Cooperation and Public Communication Affairs Head Nada Marsudi, in addition to members of the Republic of Indonesia Consulate General, Chicago, headed by Consul General Rosmalawati Chalid.

"The Consulate and NIU share a common objective of advancing better understanding towards the region of Southeast Asia and Indonesia through programs such as sister schools initiatives and curriculum infusion through the World History Advanced Placement course," Chalid said, noting the 70-year anniversary of bilateral U.S.-Indonesian relations. "In the larger picture, these relations are an important building block for a strong relationship between Midwest USA and Indonesia. This high-level visit is an important impetus to reach this objective."

Nasiri will meet with Freeman and other top-level administrators in the morning and will give a public talk, "Research, Technology and Higher Education in Indonesia," from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 315 Altgeld. Indonesian language students will also have the chance to practice their Bahasa during a brief meet-and-greet with Nasir prior to his talk.

"We are honored to host Dr. Nasir and his important delegation from the Indonesian Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education," said Eric Jones, acting director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, which is coordinating the visit with the Chicago consulate. "NIU has a long and storied relationship with the country, its impressive students, and institutions of higher education. Indonesians graduating from NIU were instrumental in writing Indonesia's new constitution, have been appointed as ministers and populate influential posts across Indonesia's governmental, non-governmental and educational landscape."

Jones noted that NIU looks forward to further connecting units across campus to sites across Indonesia, "not only in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, but also in the colleges of Education, Business, Engineering and Visual and Performing Arts." Indonesia is the world's largest island nation and the largest country in Southeast Asia with a population of 261 million.

### 2. This week's lecture: Examining gender in SEA **NEW**



Loos

Cornell University historian Tamara Loos will present "TransGender Trouble: Judith Butler in Southeast Asia" at noon Friday, **Sept. 20**, in Campus Life 100. Judith Butler's 1990 work, *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*, has become canonical in gender and sexuality studies, but its impact in Southeast Asia is less well known. Loos explores the applicability of this transformative work to areas outside Europe and North America, and considers what can be learned from a comparative analysis of the categories of transgender and third gender, which have distinct historical trajectories in SEA and the U.S. To order a Southeast Asian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at [CSEAS Brown Bag Order](#). To cancel an order, you must do so online by 10 a.m. Friday. Cost is \$5 for students and \$6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For lunch details, e-mail [cseasbrownbag@gmail.com](mailto:cseasbrownbag@gmail.com). Feed your body and mind.

### 3. **Save the dates:** SEA story times, Indonesian concert **NEW**

- **Sept. 18:** Majors and Minors Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Sept. 18:** CSEAS Outreach presents Multicultural Storytime Series: Indonesia, 4:30 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. A CSEAS Outreach activity. **NEW**

- **Sept. 19:** “Research, Technology and Higher Education in Indonesia,” talk by Indonesia Education Minister, 12:30 p.m., Room 315 Altgeld. **NEW**
- **Sept. 19:** Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duke Ellington Ballroom, HSC.
- **Sept. 27:** Indonesian Cultural Caravan concert, 6:30 p.m., Boutell Concert Hall, School of Music.
- **Oct. 9:** CSEAS Outreach presents Multicultural Storytime Series: Philippines, 4:30 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. A CSEAS Outreach activity. **NEW**
- **Oct. 11:** Government and international career talk by John Brandon, director of international programs for Washington, D.C.-based Asia Foundation, 11 a.m., Campus Life 110 (Honors Program classroom). **NEW**
- **Oct. 18–20:** Council on Thai Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Southeast Asian Studies. See [website](#).
- **Nov. 13:** CSEAS Outreach presents Multicultural Storytime Series: Thailand, 4:30 p.m., Sycamore Public Library, 103 E. State St. **NEW**

#### 4. Center associates update: Burma Art Collection to get new digs **NEW**

\* Congratulations to Center for Burma Studies (CBS) Director Catherine Raymond (Art History), who is celebrating notification that CBS has been awarded a \$250,000 Museums of America grant from the federally funded Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to rehouse the Burma Art Collection in a museum-quality space easily accessible to scholars and students. The 13,000-piece collection, which contains art and artifacts from Myanmar, has been stored in Swen Parson Hall since 1997. Project plans are to purchase compact shelving units and to move 3,000 pieces to a new space in the Founders Memorial Library building. In addition to providing for the installation of new shelving, the 2020–2022 grant will allow CBS to hire students and temporary workers to move and reinstall the collection. “[CBS Research Assistant] Carmin Berchiolly and [Graduate Assistant] Markie Striegel are really the ones who deserve the applause,” Raymond says. “Without their diligent work over the years in preparing this grant, this success would not have been possible.” IMLS is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.



*CBS Director Catherine Raymond, center, with Markie Striegel (left), Carmine Berchiolly (right), and NIU mascot dog Mission, who was visiting the Burma Studies center.*

#### 5. Indonesia Cultural Caravan comes to town **NEW**

The 2019 Indonesia Cultural Caravan, a 27-member group touring four universities in the U.S. from **Sept. 26 to Oct. 12**, will present Sundanese and Javanese gamelan and traditional Indonesian dance at 6:30 p.m. Friday, **Sept. 27**, in Boutell Concert Hall. Sekolah Bogor Raya, an international school in Bogor, West Java, and the Indonesian Big Ten Alumni Association is staging the performance with support from the Indonesian government to commemorate 70 years of diplomatic relations (1949–2019) between the Republic of Indonesia and the U.S. The performance will include an interactive section where audience members will be invited to take a turn on the gamelan and play an *angklung*

(traditional Sundanese bamboo instrument). The caravan will also tour the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana University and the University of Michigan.

## 6. CSEAS offers distance Indonesian class fall and spring **NEW**

Indonesian language professor Rahmi Aoyama's 10-week beginning Indonesian [distance class](#) through CSEAS begins this week. But you can also sign up to take it in the spring; just sign up and indicate spring on the registration form. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Instruction will be live and conducted by Aoyama. Contact her at [rhartati1@niu.edu](mailto:rhartati1@niu.edu) for details.

## 7. Southeast Asia Crossroads podcast: Famine in Khmer Rouge Cambodia



Get your earbuds on and tune in to CSEAS's [Southeast Asia Crossroads](#) podcast series. In our latest conversation, host Eric Jones and Rachel Jacobs, PhD candidate at University of Wisconsin-Madison, talk about the causes of non-violent deaths, primarily famine, in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge (1975–79) her research on the history of opium in colonial Southeast Asia. Our following (more than 17,800 listens since its 2016 debut) keeps growing around the world with listeners in 70 countries as we cover topics from history and politics to art and culture.

## 8. Burnish your resumé with Southeast Asian Studies

Add a Southeast Asian Studies minor to a bachelor's degree or a graduate certificate to an advanced degree and pull your resumé to the top of the pile. Visit the [CSEAS website](#) or stop by CSEAS at 520 College View Court. Undergraduates should contact adviser Matt Jagel at [mjagel2@niu.edu](mailto:mjagel2@niu.edu); graduate students should contact Assistant Director Jui-Ching Wang at [jcwang@niu.edu](mailto:jcwang@niu.edu).

## 9. Looking for a few good SEA manuscripts



Northern Illinois University Press is seeking quality scholarly, accessible book-length manuscripts in Southeast Asian Studies to consider for publication. Address inquiries to Kenton Clymer, editor, Southeast Asian Series, NIU Press (an imprint of Cornell University Press), at [kclymer@niu.edu](mailto:kclymer@niu.edu).

## 10. Money for study **NEW**

NIU

- **Undergraduate Student Engagement [Travel Grants](#):** Funding available for full-time students to attend professional conferences, NIU study abroad programs, Huskie Alternative Break trips and other student engagement projects. Applications reviewed the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. For details, contact [engage@niu.edu](mailto:engage@niu.edu). **NEW**

*National Endowment for the Humanities*

- **CAORC senior research fellowships:** Applications open for 2019-20 fellowships for U.S. and international postdoctoral scholars (who have resided in the U.S. for three or more years. Research to be conducted between May 2020 and November 2021 in an American overseas research center in Cambodia, Indonesia or Myanmar. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 23.** See [website](#). **NEW**

*Center for Khmer Studies*

- **Senior research fellowships:** Applications open for in-country fellowships for doctoral students from U.S., Cambodia and France. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 15.** Other fellowship opportunities also. See [website](#). **NEW**

*Rotary International*

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Fully paid fellowships for master's degree (up to two years) or professional development certificate studies (three months) offered through six universities worldwide. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** See [website](#).

*East-West Center*

- **Affiliate Scholar Program:** Short-term affiliation with the East-West Center for graduate students from around the world to pursue thesis or dissertation research in 2018. **Revolving deadlines to submit.** See [website](#).

*ProFellow*

- **Dissertation Research Fellowships:** Check the ProFellow [website](#) for 30 different opportunities for dissertation research funding.

**11. Conferences, symposia, calls for papers NEW**

- **Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs,** Oct. 4–6, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. See [website](#).
- **Council on Thai Studies,** Oct. 18–20, University of Wisconsin-Madison. See [website](#).
- **Conference of Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Power in Southeast Asia,** Oct. 24–26, Montreal, Quebec. For details, email Serge Gagner, University of Sherbrooke or Erik Martinez Kuhonta, McGill University.
- **SEASIA Biennial Conference 2019,** Dec. 5–7, Academia Sinica, Taipei. Change and Resistance: Future Directions of Southeast Asia. See [website](#).
- **International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific,** Feb. 13–15, East-West Center, Honolulu. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Oct. 15.** See [website](#). **NEW**
- **Midwest Political Science Association,** April 16–19, Chicago. Call for papers. **Deadlines for proposals begin Oct. 3; undergraduate proposal deadline Dec. 5.** See [website](#). **NEW**

**12. Careers NEW***Vanderbilt University*

- **Assistant Professor Asian Environmental Studies:** Tenure-track position beginning fall 2020. Open to humanities, social sciences, natural sciences specialists in Southeast, East or South Asia. Apply through Interfolio at [apply.intervolio.com/67876](http://apply.intervolio.com/67876). **Application review begins Nov. 1.** **NEW**

*U.S.-ASEAN Business Council*

- **Policy and research internships:** Semester [internships](#) based in Washington, D.C. Recent graduates encouraged to apply. **Deadline to apply for for spring internships: Oct. 10.** For details, email [internships@usasean.org](mailto:internships@usasean.org). See [website](#).

*Yale-NUS College*

- **Assistant anthropology professor:** Tenure-track [position](#) for 2020–21 academic year. **Application review begins Oct. 31.** Apply online. See [website](#).

## VIA

- **Global Community Fellowship:** 13-15-month program for graduating seniors (2019) and young professionals to work at NGOs, schools, universities and social enterprises in Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Monthly stipend, travel insurance, 10-day training in Thailand, midyear conference and year-end wrap-up provided; participants pay for transport to and from Asia, plus funds for food during VIA gatherings. See [website](#).

*Bridge to Success*

- **English Teachers in China:** Ten-month- internships and jobs for English speakers with bachelor's degree minimum. See [website](#).

*Center for Strategic and International Studies*

- **Internships:** Full- and part-time internships for undergraduates, advanced students and recent graduates who are interested in gaining practical experience in public policy. Based in Washington, DC. Rolling deadlines to apply. See [website](#).

*Eurasia Group*

- See [website](#) for job opportunities.

*Globaljobs.org*

- **Job/internship opportunities:** Turn area studies into an internship or a career. See job listings at NGOs, think tanks, government, and private-sector employers. See [website](#).

*Chinese Mutual Aid Association*

- **Interns:** Pan-Asian social service organization accepting candidates for interns for business development, grant writing and workforce development and outreach liaison duties. Contact Michelle White at [michellew@chinesemutualaid.org](mailto:michellew@chinesemutualaid.org) or 773-784-2900. See [website](#).

*US Department of State*

- **Student internship program:** Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at Washington headquarters and US embassies, consulates and missions worldwide. Explore postgraduate civil-service career paths as well. See [program website](#).

*ASEAN/ASEC*

- **Job listings:** Check [website](#) frequently for open positions at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).

*Asia Society*

- **Career opportunities:** Internships and jobs posted regularly on [website](#).

*Association of Southeast Asian Nations*

- Jobs listed under [Opportunities](#) tab of ASEAN website.

*Devex: Do Good. Do It Well*

- International aid and development jobs in 1,000 agencies, companies and NGOs in 100 countries. See [website](#).

*DevMetJOBS.org*

- International development jobs and consulting opportunities. See [website](#).

*Hess International Educational Group*

- **Teach English across Asia:** Taiwan-based organization offers free training, benefits, and flex scheduling. See [website](#).

*Idealist.org*

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. See [website](#).

*Learn How to Become*

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of meaningful volunteer and nonprofit career options and resources. See [website](#).

*ReliefWeb*

- Specialized digital service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that posts jobs regularly. See [website](#).

*World Health Organization*

- Global health agency in the United Nations system encourages online applications for potential employment. See [website](#).

### 13. Area cultural opportunities: Asian pop-up films

- Check out Asian Pop-Up Cinema, a semi-annual film festival in Chicago sponsored by non-profit film organization Sophia's Choice. Season 9 runs from **Sept. 10–Oct. 10** and includes 17 new films and special guests, including films from the Philippines and Thailand. Screenings will be held in various Chicago sites. See the season's [fall lineup](#).
- Go behind the scenes of the Philippine Collections at the Field Museum. Contact the museum's co-curation team at [cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org). To learn more about the museum's Philippines work, see the co-curation team's [newsletter](#).
- Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute of Chicago offers classes in Thai language, dance and music among other programs. Phone 312-725-0640.
- "Remembering the Killing Fields" exhibit on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The [Cambodian Association of Illinois](#) also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.
- The Indonesian consulate in Chicago offers free Saturday classes: Indonesian language classes at 10:30 a.m. (intermediate) and 1 p.m. (children's class); Indonesian traditional dance, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Javanese gamelan, 4 to 6 p.m. All classes held at the Indonesian Cultural Center, 711 W. Grand Avenue. Call 312-920-1880, ext. 104/105, or email [icc@indonesiachicago.org](mailto:icc@indonesiachicago.org). See the consulate's [Facebook](#) page.
- Indonesian Dance of Illinois offers traditional dance and gamelan music lessons Saturdays in Evanston. See [website](#).

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